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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Re: Appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences

Appellants:	Ning Wei)	Examiner:	Jacqueline A. DiRamio
Serial No:	10/718,996)	Group Art Unit:	1641
Filed:	November 21, 2003)	Deposit Account:	04-1403
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Title:	"Method of Reducing the Sensitivity of Assay Devices")	Attorney Docket No:	KCX-742 (19795)

1. ☒ **NOTICE OF APPEAL:** Pursuant to 37 CFR 41.31, Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated July 11, 2007 of the Examiner twice/finally rejecting claims 1-9 and 12-13.
2. ☐ **BRIEF** on appeal in this application pursuant to 37 CFR 41.37 is transmitted herewith (1 copy).
3. ☐ An **ORAL HEARING** is respectfully requested under 37 CFR 41.47 (due within two months after Examiner's Answer).
4. ☐ Reply Brief under 37 CFR 41.41(b) is transmitted herewith (1 copy).
5. ☐ "Small entity" verified statement filed: [] herewith [] previously.

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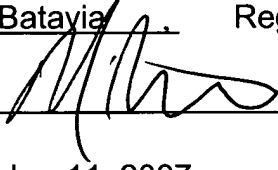
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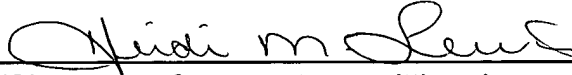
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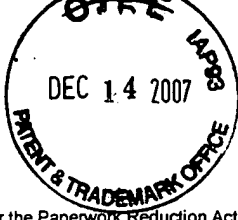
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Examiner

Jacqueline A. DiRamio

Applicant hereby **appeals** to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the examiner.The fee for this Notice of Appeal is (37 CFR 41.20(b)(1)) \$ 510.00

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